AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 - 8. Previously canceled.

9. (Currently amended) A method for accessing ~~distributing~~ a message in a conditional access system, the method comprising:

receiving authorization information with a first conditional access receiver;

generating a first authorization for use of a separately received content object ~~the video stream~~ by a plurality of set top receivers ~~the first conditional access receiver~~;

~~receiving first authorization with the first conditional access receiver;~~

performing a first determination to test if a first set top ~~the first conditional access~~ receiver is authorized to access ~~receive~~ the separately received content object ~~message~~;

receiving authorization information with a second conditional access receiver;

performing a second determination to test if a ~~the~~ second set top ~~conditional access~~ receiver is authorized to access ~~receive~~ the separately received content object ~~message~~;

blocking access to the separately received content object by ~~receipt of the message with~~ the first set top ~~conditional access~~ receiver as a function of ~~based, at least in part, upon the~~ determining if the first set top ~~conditional access~~ receiver is authorized; and

blocking access to the separately received content object by ~~receiving the message with~~ the second set top ~~conditional access~~ receiver as a function of ~~based at least in part, upon the~~ determining if the second set top ~~conditional access~~ receiver is authorized.

10. (Currently Amended) The method for accessing a ~~distributing the~~ message in a ~~the~~ conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein ~~the~~ blocking access to the separately

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received content object ~~receipt of the message~~ comprises ignoring a portion of a datastream associated with the separately received content object ~~message~~.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The method for accessing a ~~distributing the~~ message in a ~~the~~ conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object ~~message~~ comprises a software program.

13. (Cancelled)

14 – 26. Canceled.

27. (New) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object comprises a video content.

28. (New) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object comprises a audio content.

29. (New) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object comprises firmware.